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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Pay As You Go Pilot Program
Docket No. 2015-136-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not oppose the request submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") on December 11, 2017, in the above referenced Docket.

The Company requests the Commission's approval for the following modifications to the Prepaid Advantage Pilot Program ("Pilot"):

1. A 6 month extension of the Pilot through June 30, 2018;
2. An increase of the Pilot's participant limit from 2,200 to 4,000 participants;
3. Expansion of eligibility to include customers currently participating in DEC's existing Power Manager and Outdoor Lighting programs;
4. Alteration of the final billed accounts timeframe from 5 business days to 15 days; and
5. An increase of the maximum outstanding balance limit from \$300 to \$500.

The Company noted that its request does not require a determination of DEC's entire rate structure or overall rate of return.

In addition, although ORS does not oppose this request, ORS does not waive, and specifically reserves, its rights to respond to and review any subsequent Company requests regarding this program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,



Andrew M. Bateman

cc: Frank R. Ellerbe, III, Esquire (via E-mail)
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